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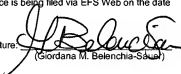
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RECONFIGURATION

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Applicants use this IDS to call to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application:

| <u>Serial. No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Title</u>                 |
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| 11/690,195         | 03/23/2007         | TISSUE APPROXIMATION SYSTEM  |
| 11/690,196         | 03/23/2007         | TISSUE APPROXIMATION METHODS |
| 10/819,965         | 04/08/2004         | TISSUE RECONFIGURATION       |

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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